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To:

Public & News Media

From: Councilman Rod Tam 6th Council District (Kalihi Valley/Kam Heights/Alewa

Heights/Liliha/Puunui/Nuuanu/Pacific Heights/ Punchbowl/Makiki/Tantalus/Kakaako/Downtown/

Chinatown

Re:

Legislation To Expand The Downtown Prostitution Free

Zone

"We, the residents of Chinatown are taking back our community. War against prostitution is being declared!"

Today, the coalition of residents, legislators, and Honolulu Police Department are declaring a war against prostitution in Chinatown, per City Councilman Rod Tam, the councilman representing Chinatown. Councilman Tam would like to give recognition for stimulating support of city legislation for a

"Prostitution Free Zone In Chinatown" to Neighborhood Board #13, Downtown and Mr. Thomas Smyth, Chairman of Neighborhood Board #13 and Karl Rose, Neighborhood Board #13 board-member and initiator of the grassroots campaign against prostitution are representing the neighborhood board today. Credit is also extended to Police Chief Boisse Correa of the City & County of Honolulu's Police Department for his desire and support of designating Chinatown as a Prostitution Free Zone (letter enclosed). A city council bill is now being drafted by Councilman Tam's legal staff and will be formally introduced early next week in time for the 1st reading at the City Council's public hearing on September 6, 2006.

Legislating a Prostitution Free Zone in Chinatown would legislate the following in accordance to State of Hawaii's HRS 712-1207:

 Specifically designate Chinatown along with the present designated Downtown areas as Prostitution Free Zone areas. No public property shall be used to engage in sexual conduct with another for a fee.

Violation of HRS 712-1207 would result in the prostitute being guilty of a petty misdemeanor and be sentenced to a mandatory term of 30 days imprisonment or an option by the court place the prostitute on probation for a period not to exceed 6 months, subject to the mandatory condition that the prostitute observe geographic restrictions that prohibit the entering or remaining on public property during the hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Violation of the probation shall revoke the prostitute's probation and immediately impose the mandatory 30 day imprisonment. Furthermore, a police officer, without warrant, may arrest the person on probation when the officer has probable cause to believe that person has violated its probation.

In closing, I am strongly requesting criminal defense attorneys not to oppose the city council's Prostitution Free Zone bill and for

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Prosecutor Peter Carlisle City & County of Honolulu's Prosecutor's Office to support legislation to stamp-out prostitution in Chinatown. Prosecutor Carlisle has a reputation of only supporting legislation and prosecuting illegality that promotes his name.

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OUR REFERENCE RL-TA (167989)

August 22, 2006

The Honorable Rod Tam Councilmember Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Councilmember Tam:

SUBJECT: Designation of Downtown Honolulu as a Prostitution-Free Zone

This is in response to your letter of August 9, 2006, regarding the designation of Downtown Honolulu as a prostitution-free zone.

The Honolulu Police Department will support City Council Bill No. 65 (2006) that will add Chinatown to the existing downtown prostitution-free zone. We will recommend that this bill be amended to extend the boundary from River Street to Aala Street.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please have a member of your staff contact Major Kevin Lima, Narcotics/Vice Division, at 356-4475.

Sincerely,

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